

FIG. 1

FUNCTIONAL MATCHES

MATCH_1		MATCH_2	
a	y	a	y
b	x	b	z
c	z	c	x

FIG. 1a

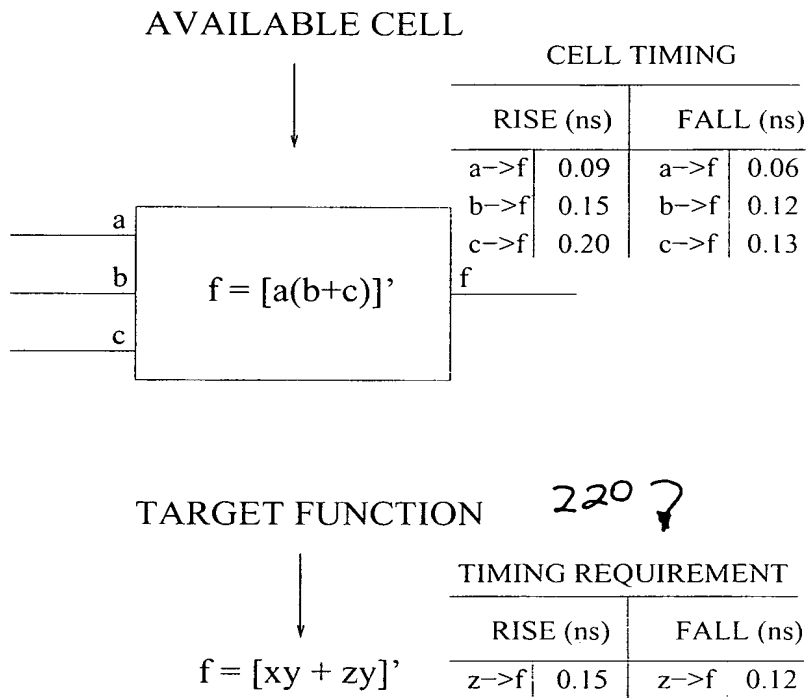


FIG. 2

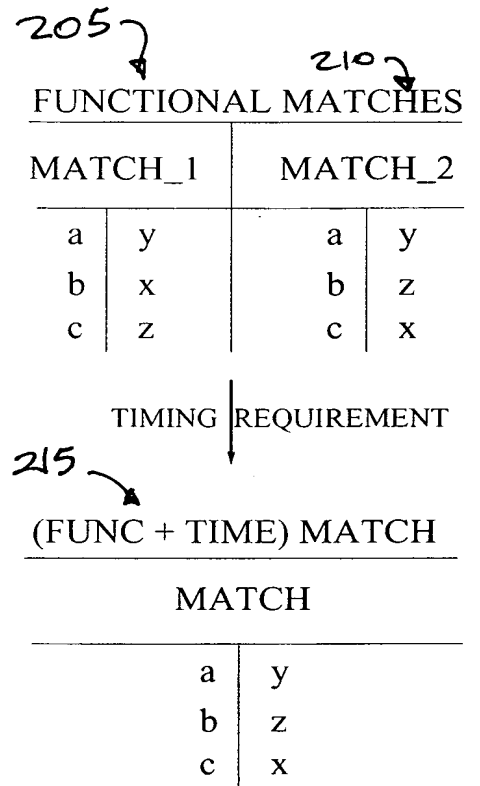


FIG. 2a

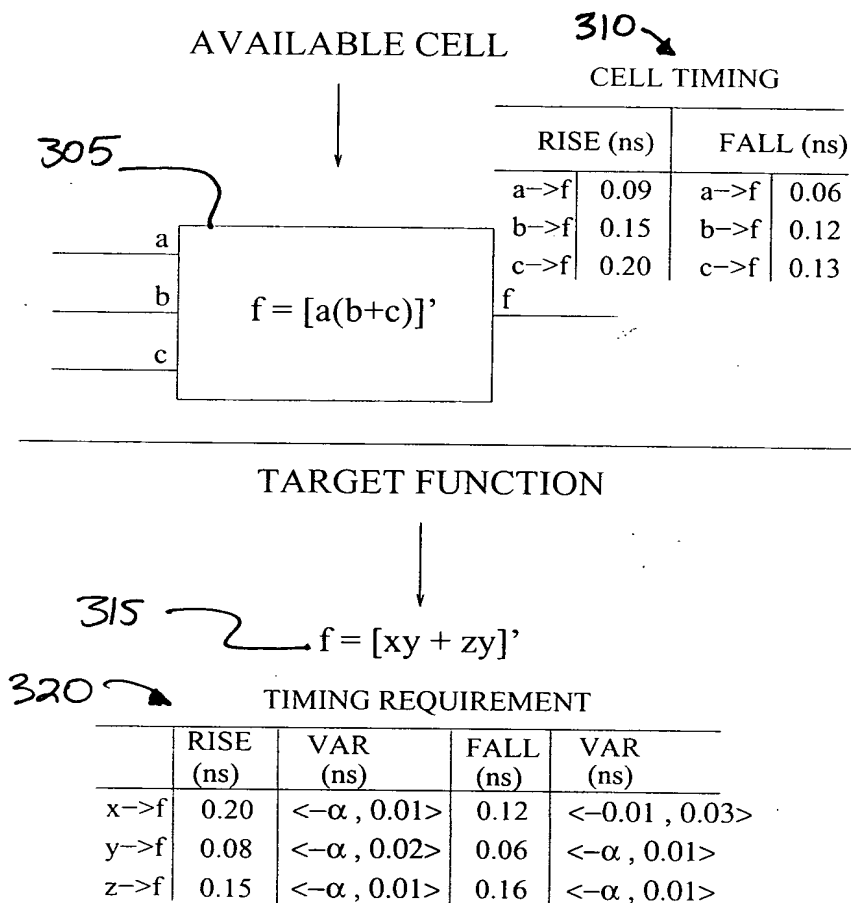


FIG. 3

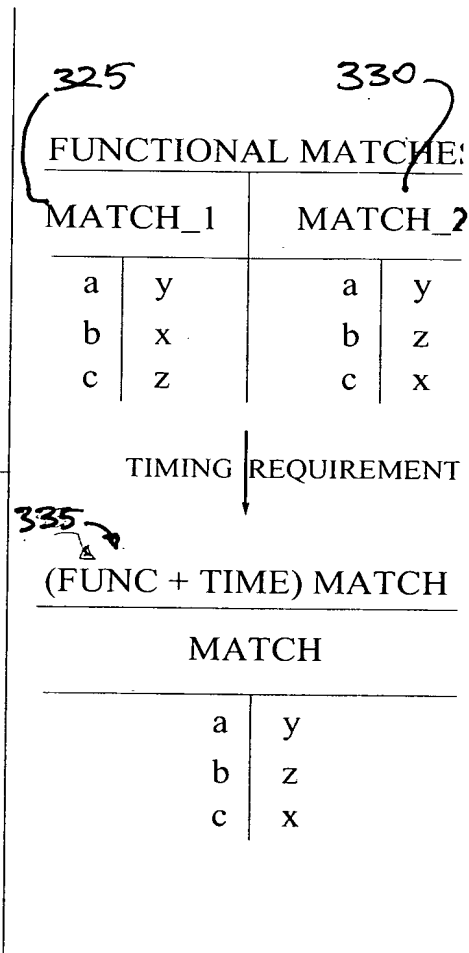


FIG. 3a

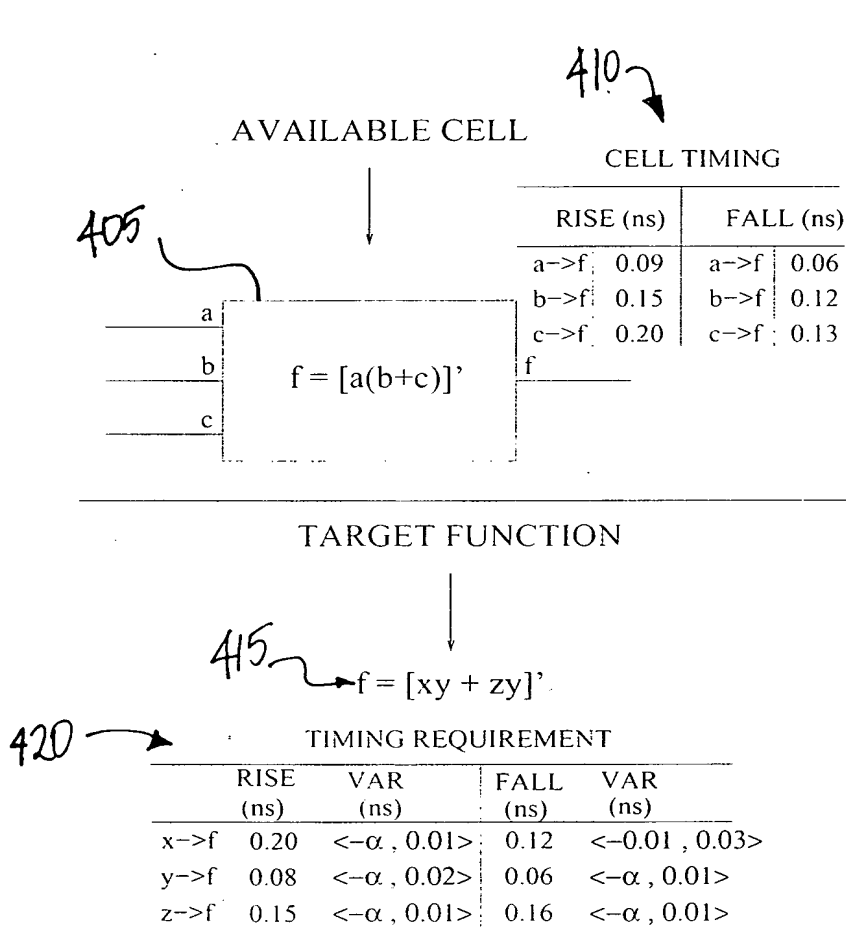


FIG. 4

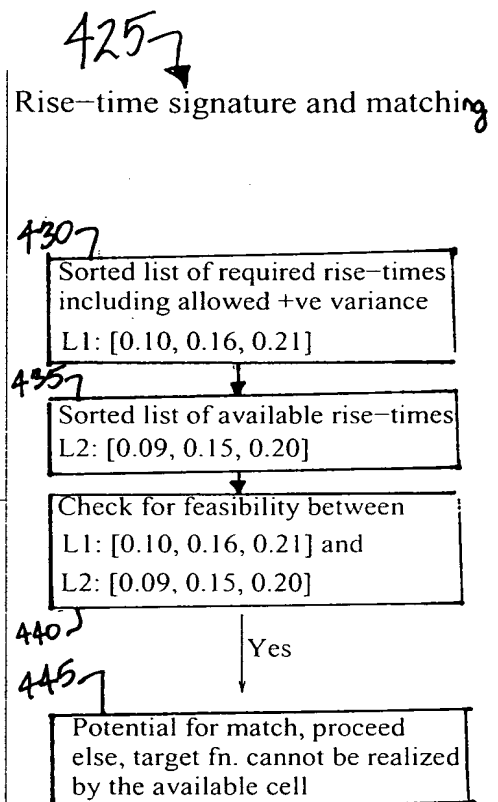


FIG. 4a

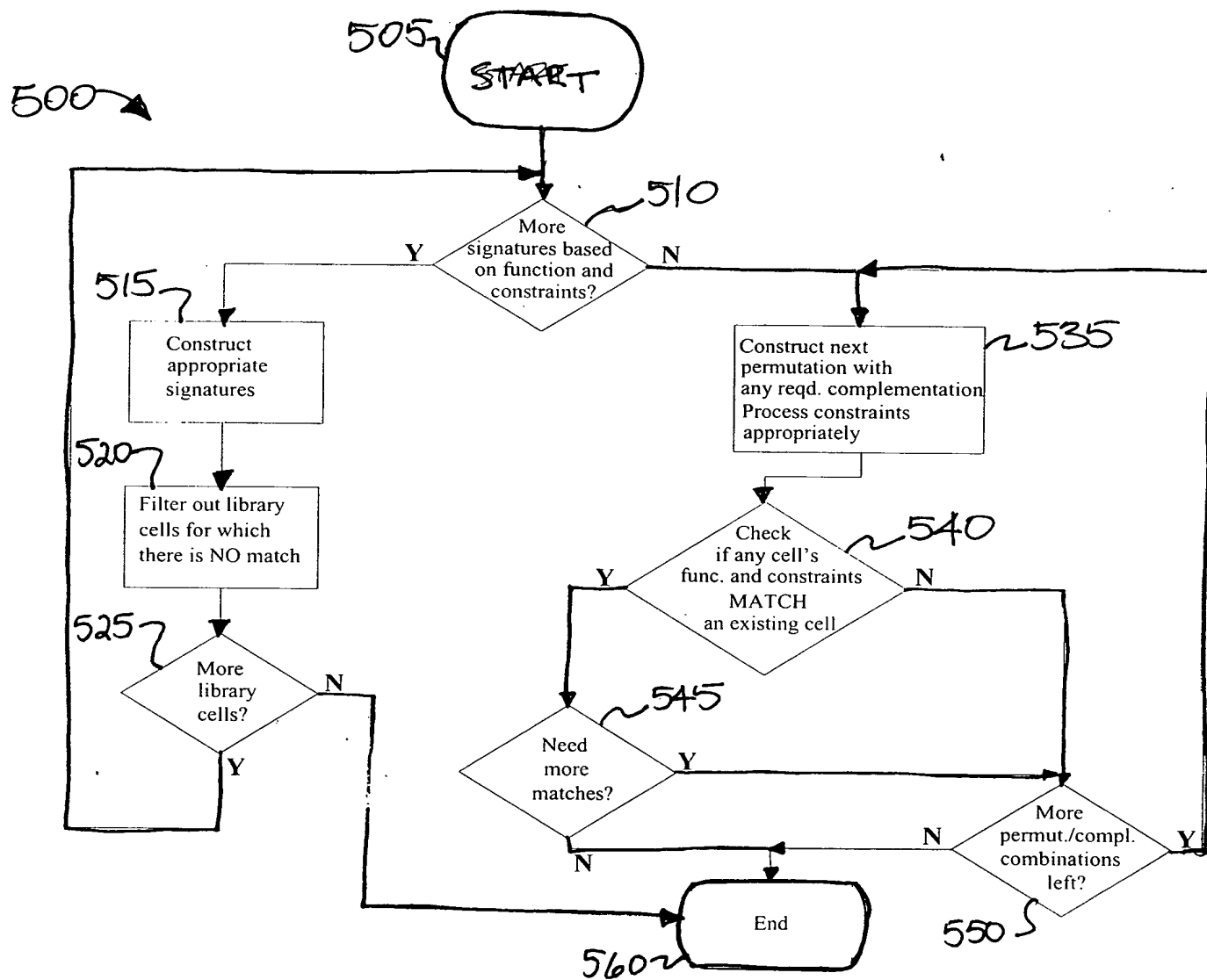
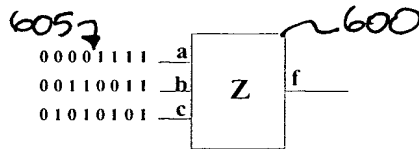


FIG. 5

If context is NOT known,
ALL input values need to be considered



If context is known,
ONLY SOME input values need to be considered

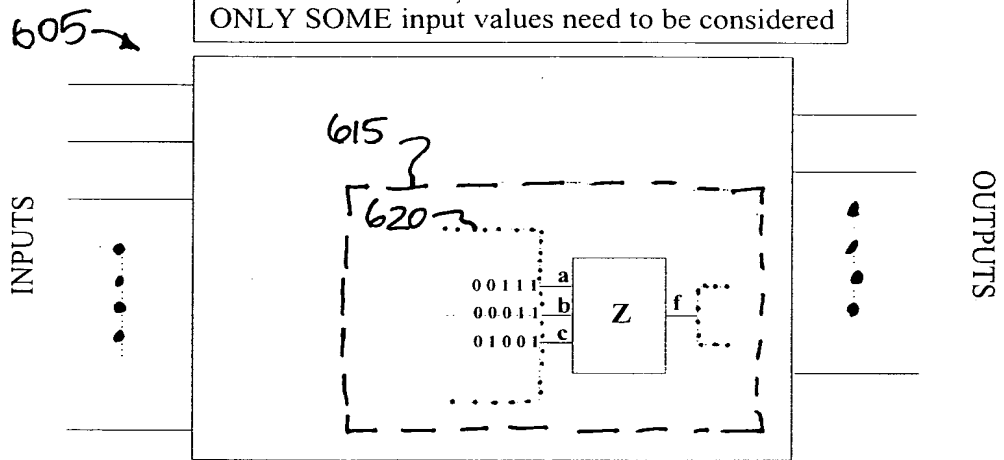
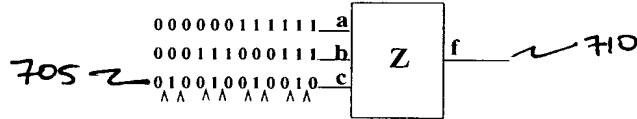


FIG. 6

If context is NOT known,
To characterize timing on c->f
ALL possible 0->1 and 1->0 transitions
on C need to be considered



If context is known,
To characterize timing on c->f
ONLY SOME 0->1 and 1->0 transitions
on C need to be considered
(Context eliminates other transitions)

- Characterization is MORE accurate
- Characterization needs LESSER resources

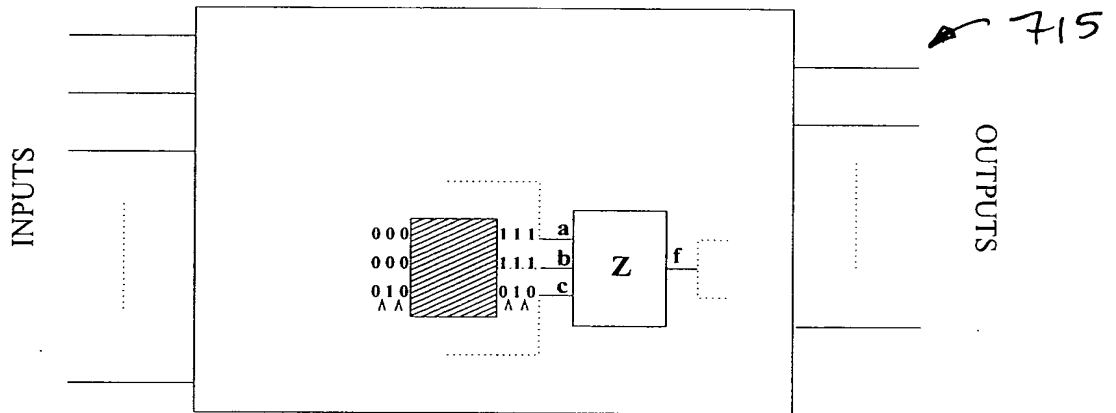
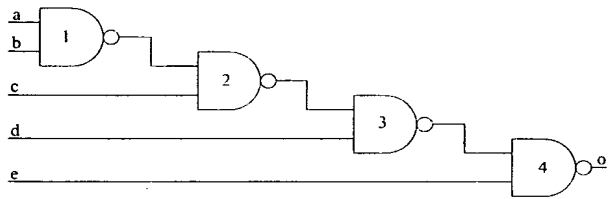


FIG. 7

800 →



805 →

Worst propagation delay through the design						
Drive strengths at stage				Gate-level timing (STA)	Transistor-level timing (SPICE)	
1	2	3	4	(ns)	(ns)	
0	0	0	0	0.40	0.186	
1	1	1	1	0.22	0.166	
2	2	2	2	0.15	0.157	
4	4	4	4	0.61	0.581	
0	1	2	4	0.41	0.332	

Figure 8: Example to illustrate that characterization at the transistor-level is more accurate than that done by gate-level static timing analysis

FIG. 8

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